

V. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

At the request of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. (Berger), performed architectural investigations as part of the preliminary planning for the proposed rehabilitation of Bridge 9 (also known as Smiths Bridge) and improvement of the bridge's approach roadways. The bridge is located in New Castle County, spanning Brandywine Creek. The purpose of the investigations was to identify architectural resources in the area of potential effect (APE) currently listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The architectural survey documented seven architectural resources located within the APE for the proposed rehabilitation and improvement. Delaware SHPO Cultural Resource Survey (CRS) inventory forms were prepared for the seven resources.

The architectural evaluation also identified the Smith's Mill-Granogue Historic District (N-13716), a rural historic landscape encompassing the seven inventoried resources, and recommended the district as eligible for the National Register. The Smith's Mill-Granogue Historic District is significant under National Register Criterion C, which applies to properties significant for their architectural distinction.